



I-65 Northwest Indiana Expansion Project Update

2017 work completed

As the projected completion date grows near, here is a list of what was accomplished last year.

I-65 from U.S. 231 to just south of U.S. 30

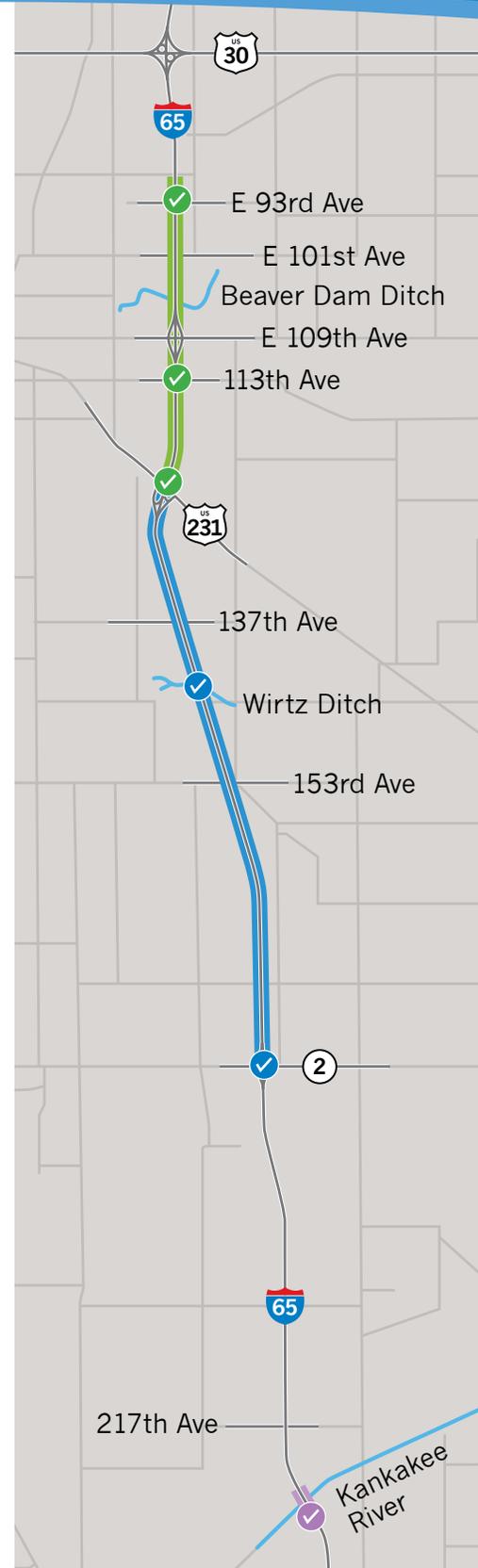
- ✓ 93rd Avenue over I-65 resurfaced
- ✓ 113th Avenue over I-65 joints replaced
- ✓ I-65 bridge over U.S. 231 median widening began

I-65 just south of S.R. 2 to U.S. 231

- ✓ Third lane and inside shoulder construction began
- ✓ I-65 over Wirtz Ditch median widening began
- ✓ I-65 bridge over S.R. 2 median widening began

Kankakee River Bridge

- ✓ Southbound bridge structure median widening completed
- ✓ Remaining southbound bridge structure work began





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Anticipated work in 2018 includes:

- Resurface I-65 bridges over Beaver Dam Ditch and 109th Avenue; Repair and resurface 137th and 153rd Avenues over I-65
- Widen and resurface I-65 bridges over U.S. 231, S.R. 2 and Wirtz Ditch
- Replace remainder of southbound Kankakee River Bridge; Replace and add travel lane to northbound Kankakee River Bridge
- Construct outside shoulder on I-65 from U.S. 231 to just south of U.S. 30
- Construct third lane and inside shoulder on I-65 just south of S.R. 2 to U.S. 231; Resurface existing lanes

The I-65 Northwest Indiana Expansion Project is the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT's) initiative to improve traffic flow and add capacity on Interstate 65 from State Road 2 (S.R. 2) to U.S. 30 in Newton and Lake counties.

The two-year project, which began in May 2017, will add one additional travel lane in each direction on this approximately 13-mile stretch of I-65. Additionally, the northbound and southbound bridges over the Kankakee River will be replaced to accommodate future expansion of the I-65 corridor. Resurfacing and rehabilitation of multiple overpasses and bridges in the project area are also included.

To minimize the impact on drivers using local road overpass bridges, construction has been scheduled so that no two consecutive overpasses are restricted at the same time. In addition, work has been scheduled to avoid closures during higher traffic volumes.

Spring construction activity is underway and because the project is being constructed on an accelerated timeline, work is expected to be completed in the fall of 2018.